

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Days of Tuesday, November 29, 2022 and Wednesday, November 30, 2022)

Routine Proceedings, pages S6867–S6917

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5147–5156, and S. Res. 852–854. **Page S6905**

Measures Passed:

National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 853, recognizing November 2022 as “National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month”. **Page S6911**

Honoring individuals fighting and fallen in wildland fires: Senate agreed to S. Res. 854, honoring the individuals fighting and the individuals who have fallen responding to wildland fires during the ongoing 2022 wildfire season. **Page S6911**

Military Spouse Employment Act: Senate passed S. 4337, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6911–12**

Use of the Capitol rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 118, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present Congressional Gold Medals to the United States Capitol Police and others who protected the Capitol on January 6, 2021. **Page S6912**

James D. Todd United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 4017, to designate the United States courthouse located at 111 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “James D. Todd United States Courthouse”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6912**

Paul D. Wellstone Federal Building: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 5060, to redesignate the Federal building located at 212 Third Avenue

South in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Paul D. Wellstone Federal Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6912**

Bargain-price options: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2220, to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify the treatment of certain bargain-price options to purchase at less than fair market value, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6912**

Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1466, to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6913**

Blackwell Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S6880–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 1, 2022. **Page S6875**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 1, 2022, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations. **Page S6895**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 1, 2022. **Page S6915**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 365), Camille L. Velez-Rive, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Pages S6867–71, S6879–80

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 363), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 366), Anne M. Nardacci, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 364), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 367), Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

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81 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

108 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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Messages from the House: **Page S6900**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6911**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—367) **Pages S6871–72, S6880, S6888**

Motion to Adjourn: Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 7:36 p.m., on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. **Page S6913**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., and reconvened at 7:36 p.m., on the same day, and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6915.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ELECTRONIC WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on electronic warfare from Department of Defense officials.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen, Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be a Member, and to be Vice Chairperson, who was introduced by Senator Crapo, and Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be a Member, who was introduced by former Senator Corker, all of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Kimberly Ann McClain, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine putting the Bipartisan Infrastructure law to work, focusing on the private sector perspective, after receiving testimony from David Bauer, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, and Jonathan Levy, EVgo, both of Washington, D.C.; Matt Stanberry, Highland Electric Fleets, Beverly, Massachusetts; Ali Mills, Plum Contracting, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; and Gary W. Johnson, Land and Quarry Granite Construction Company, Cedar Park, Texas, on behalf of the National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association.

TRADE POLICY IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges for trade policy in the digital economy, after receiving testimony from Christine Bliss, Coalition of Services Industries, David Feith, Center for a New American Security, Joshua P. Meltzer, Brookings Institution, and Patrick Woodall, AFL–CIO Technology Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, who was introduced by Senator Portman,

Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, Kristina A. Kvien, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, and Cynthia Dyer, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, all of the Department of State, and Carol Spahn, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine caring for our kids, focusing on supporting mental health in the transition from high school to college, after receiving testimony from Sharon Hoover, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore; Curtis Wright, Xavier University of Louisiana, and Ashley Weiss, Tulane School of Medicine, both of New Orleans, Louisiana; and Brooklyn Williams, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Jonathan James Canada Grey, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Stabenow and Peters, Julia E. Kobick, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Warren and Markey, Rita F. Lin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and James Edward Simmons, Jr., to be United States

District Judge for the Southern District of California, who were both introduced by Senators Feinstein and Padilla, Ramon Ernesto Reyes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Native American veterans, focusing on ensuring access to VA health care and benefits, after receiving testimony from Roselyn Tso, Director, and Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director, both of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Upton, Deputy to the Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Stephanie Birdwell, Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations, and John Bell, Executive Director, Home Loan Guaranty Program, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Leo Pollock, Blackfeet Veterans Alliance of the Blackfeet Nation, Browning, Montana; Larry Wright, Jr., National Congress of American Indians, Lincoln, Nebraska; Nickolaus Lewis, National Indian Health Board, Bellingham, Washington; and Sonya Tetnowski, National Council of Urban Indian Health, San Jose, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 9364–9371; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1500–1501 were introduced. **Pages H8673–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8674**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1499, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3372) to authorize implementation grants to community-based nonprofits to operate one-stop reentry centers; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6878) to address the health needs of incarcerated women related to pregnancy and child-

birth, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8876) to reauthorize the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 100) to provide for a resolution with respect to the unresolved disputes between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–587). **Pages H8652, H8673**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Eshoo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8651**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. **Page H8669**

Providing for a resolution with respect to the unresolved disputes between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees: The House passed H.J. Res. 100, to provide for a resolution with respect to the unresolved disputes between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 290 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 490. **Pages H8661–67, H8669–70**

H. Res. 1499, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3372), (H.R. 6878), (H.R. 8876) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 100) was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 489, after the previous question was ordered without objection. Pursuant to section 7 of H. Res. 1499, House Resolution 1495 is hereby adopted. Pursuant to section 8 of H. Res. 1499, House Concurrent Resolution 118 is hereby adopted.

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Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.J. Res. 100: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 119, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.J. Res. 100, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 491. **Pages H8667–69, H8670**

Senate Message: Message from the Senate today appears on page H8660.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8659–60, H8669, and H8670.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine lessons learned from the FTX collapse, focusing on why Congress needs to act, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine fairness in financial services, focusing on racism and discrimination in banking, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space and Science, to hold hearings to examine Landsat at 50 and the future of U.S. satellite-based earth observation, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary, Jeffrey Matthew Marootian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), and Gene Rodrigues, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability), all of the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 3112, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to establish a Hydrogen Technologies for Heavy Industry Grant Program, S. 3152, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to disqualify certain borrowers from receiving a guarantee for a project, S. 3915, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, S. 3957, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to make certain activities eligible for grants from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, S. 3978, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to operate a uranium reserve consisting of uranium produced and converted in the United States and a program to ensure the availability of uranium produced, converted, and enriched in the United States, S. 4420, to provide for advancements in carbon removal research, quantification, and commercialization, including by harnessing natural processes, S. 4424, to amend the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize sales and leases of certain Federal land to federally recognized Indian Tribes, S. 4515, to require the Secretary of Energy to stipulate, as a condition on the sale at auction of any crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, that the crude oil not be exported to certain countries, S. 4542, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, S. 4579, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to extend certain deadlines applicable to pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water to address effects of historic drought conditions, S. 4651, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to stipulate, as a condition on the sale at auction of any petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, that the petroleum products not be exported to certain countries,

to prohibit such sales to certain state-owned entities, S. 4732, to authorize the Georgetown African American Historic Landmark Project and Tour to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 4860, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, S. 4995, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 5129, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, S. J.Res. 62, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the commitment of the United States to a free press by honoring journalists who sacrificed their lives in service to that cause, and an original bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear water, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2773, to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to address satellite offices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and the nominations of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Robert Stewart Ballou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Daniel J. Calabretta, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the Dis-

trict of Columbia, Kymberly Kathryn Evanson, and Jamal N. Whitehead, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Matthew L. Garcia, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Margaret R. Guzman, and Myong J. Joun, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeffery Paul Hopkins, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Lindsay C. Jenkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Colleen R. Lawless, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Araceli Martinez-Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Adrienne C. Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Jamar K. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Jaime E. Esparza, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Alamdar S. Hamdani, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Roger B. Handberg, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Markenzy Lapointe, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Terry J. Burgin, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, and Glenn M. McNeill, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Boom and Bust: The Need for Bold Investments in Fair and Affordable Housing to Combat Inflation”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m., followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Additional roll call votes are expected.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Thursday, December 1

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3372—One Stop Shop Community Reentry Program Act. Consideration of H.R. 6878—Pregnant Women in Custody Act. Consideration of H.R. 8876—Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act.

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